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TAGS: OVIP (PRESIDENT CARTER)
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP: MRS. VANCE'S SCHEDULE

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1. WE ASSUME (SEE REFTEL) THAT A SEPARATE SCHEDULE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR MRS. VANCE IF SHE ACCOMPANIES THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY TO LAGOS. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED NUMBER OF POSSIBILITIES WHICH ARE DESCRIBED BELOW BUT WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT AS TO MRS. VANCE'S INTERESTS BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER. WE ASSUME THAT MRS. VANCE WOULD BE WITH PRESIDENTIAL PARTY DURING FORMAL PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND THAT THERE WILL BE NO OPPORTUNITY FOR SEPARATE SCHEDULE DURING VISIT TO KANO.

2. LUNCHEON OR TEA: A LUNCHEON OR TEA COULD PROBABLY BE ARRANGED WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S SOCIEITIES, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF LAGOS, AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF LAGOS. IF MRS. CARTER HAS LUNCHEON OR TEA WITH SELECTED GROUP OF NIGERIAN WOMEN AS SUGGESTED STATE 052294, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT MRS. VANCE CONSIDER INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF LAGOS OR AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF LAGOS AS BEST POSSIBILITY.
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3. NIGERIAN NATIONAL MUSEAUM: THE NATIONAL MUSEUM CONTAINS SOME OF NIGERIA'S MOST PRECIOUS ARCHEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS INCLUDING A SPECIAL EXHIBIT ENTITILED TWO THOUSAND YEARS OF NIGERIAN ART. WE THINK THE NIGERIANS WOULD BE IMMENSELY PLEASED BY RECOGNITION OF THEIR COUNTRY'S CULTURAL HERITAGE BY SUCH A VISIT.

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SINCE MUSEUM VISIT ALSO RECOMMENDED TO MRS. CARTER, IF SHE CHOOSES THIS OPTION. WE SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE A SEPARATE VISIT FOR MRS. VANCE.

4. GONG GALLERY: THE GONG GALLERY IS THE MOST ATTRACTIVE AND WELL-RUN (ALBEIT SMALL) COMMERCIAL ART GALLERY IN LAGOS. A VISIT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A VISIT TO THE MUSEUM. IT EXHIBITS NIGERIAN ARTISTS ALMOST ENTIRELY. THE PROPRIETRESS IS A CULTURAL EXCHANGE RETURNEE AND HAS ARRANGED ONE EXHIBIT OF BLACK AMERICAN ART AT THE GALLERY. NORMALLY THE WORKS OF ONE ARTISTS ARE ON EXHBIIT PLUS A VARIEITY OF STATUARY, WOOD CARVINGS AND OTHER PIECES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER MRS. VANCE IS COMING, IS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES OUTLINED ABOVE OR HAS OTHER INTERESTS THAT MIGHT BE ACCOMMODATED IN LAGOS, AND AMOUNT OF PROGRAMMING DESIRED. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE SCHEDULE BASED ON GUIDELINES PROVIDED.
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